

SMART PIPE®

A Trenchless Technology System
That Gives A New and Better Life To
Disadvantaged High Pressure Pipelines

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When pipelines are time bombs

2 million miles of them deliver potential catastrophe every day

By Angela Lee Holstrom, Bellingham Herald, via AP

June 10, 1999: Three boys were killed in Bellingham, Wash., when a river of fuel exploded.



What is Smart Pipe®?

- A composite of thermoplastic materials designed as a tight fitting liner, or as a stand alone pipe
- Restores strength to degraded and damaged steel pipe
- Provides 24/7 monitoring to detect leaks, impacts, and ground movements
- Developed by the team that successfully invented and commercialized U-Liner & Wellstream

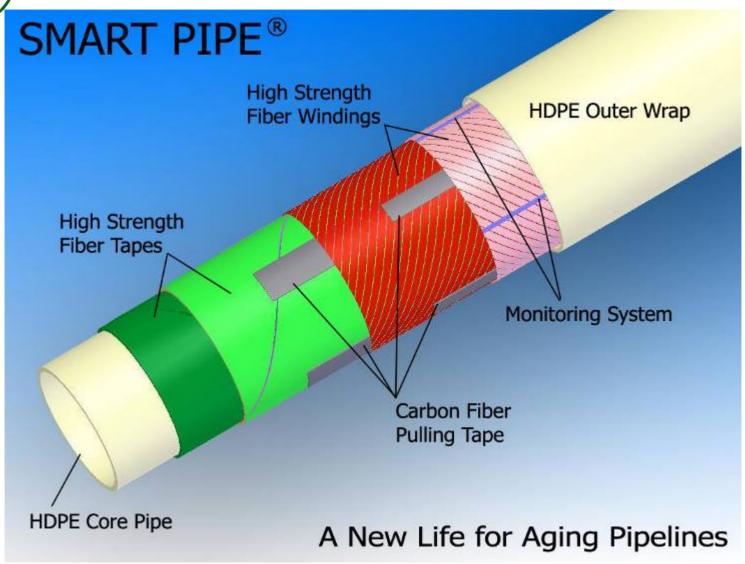


A Smart Pipe Installation Will be Most Cost Effective for Pipelines Having:

- Pressures of 150 psi and above
- Diameters of 6 inch and above
- Installation lengths over 500 feet
- Locations in difficult to access and/or environmentally sensitive areas

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Schematic of Typical Design





Manufacturing and Installation of Smart Pipe

Portable Environmentally Controlled Factory on Right-Of-Way

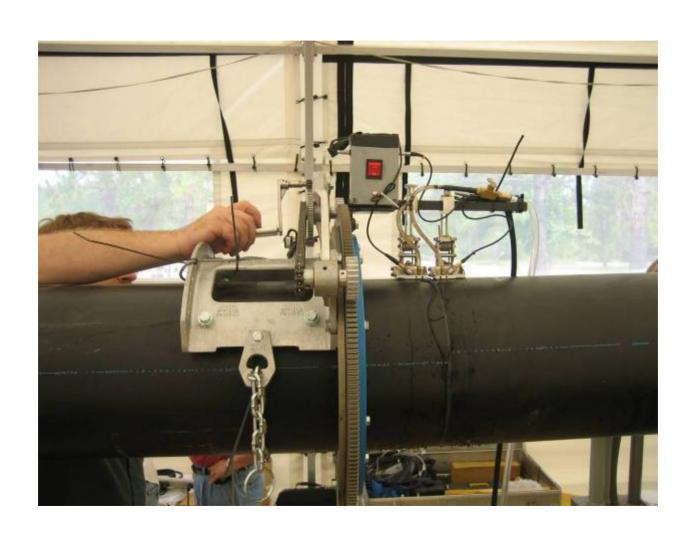




First Stage: (1) Joining of Core Pipe by Butt Fusion Welding



First Stage: (2) Ultrasonic Inspection of the Butt Fusion Joints





Second Stage: Co-helical Wrapping of High Strength Fabrics





Third Stage: Laying Pulling Tapes & **Fiber Optic Sensors**





View of Fiber Optic Sensors & Pulling Tapes

Pulling Tapes (4)

Fiber Optic Sensor



Fourth Stage: Laying Fiber Tows to Encapsulate Sensors & Pulling Tapes



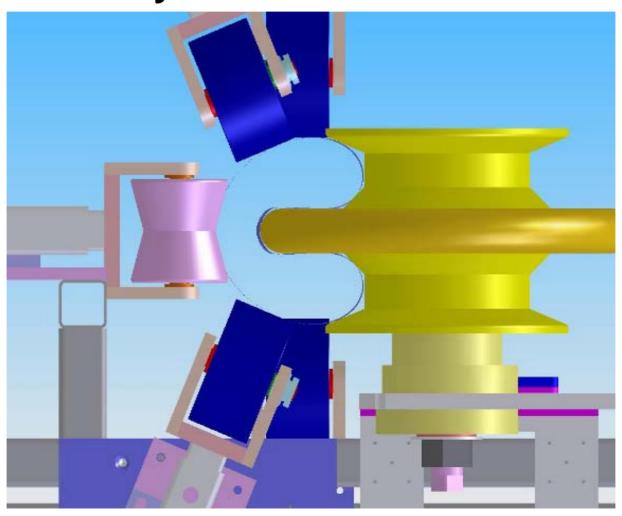


Fifth Stage: Deforming into a C-Shape by a Set of Three Rollers





Schematic View of the Final Deformation in the C-Forming Machine Showing the FEA Analysis Result Used for the Design





Sixth Stage: Binding with Mylar Tape & Outer Wrap





C-Formed Liner After Installation into Host Pipe





Installation of End Connectors





Re-Rounding Process Producing Tight Fitting Smart Pipe, Prior to Testing





Unique Advantages of the Smart Pipe System to the Pipeline Owner/Operator



Smart Pipe Installation

- Portable factory enables very long installation lengths with minimal downtime
- Simultaneous manufacturing and installation eliminates in-field welding
- Minimal Excavation & Permitting Required (only two locations per installation segment)



Mechanical Performance

- Restores (or exceeds) the original pressure capability of the pipeline
- Eliminates corrosion concerns and need for smart pigging
- Over compensates for loss of flow area with reduced product flow resistance



The Monitoring System

- Embedded fiber optic sensors provide 24/7 continuous monitoring
- Anomalies can be located within ±1 meter in ten mile lengths
- Leaks, mechanical impacts and ground movements instantaneously detected



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- An annular venting system allows permeated gases (if any) to be continuously removed
- For short installation lengths, pipe can be coiled for shipment
- On-demand inspection reports can be routinely provided
- Could prevent leaks from third party impacts and malevolent attacks

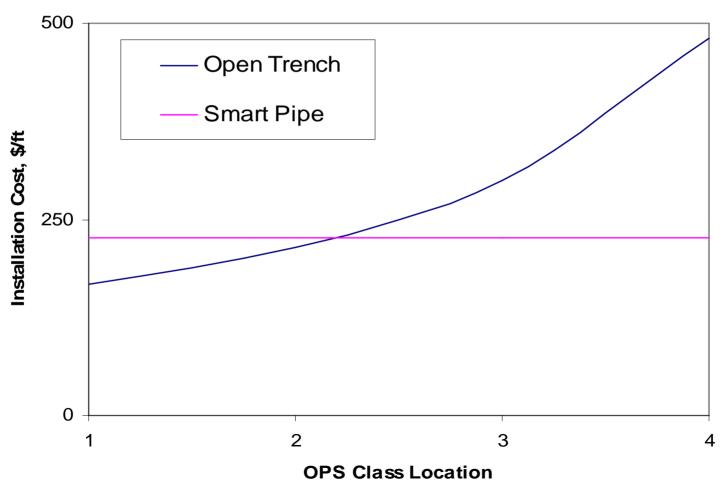


Smart Pipe <u>Might Not</u> be the Optimum Choice to Rehabilitate Pipelines that:

- Have a high frequency of laterals that need to be accommodated
- Have a great many severe bends and/or major elevation changes
- Transport very high temperature fluids
- Are short lengths in CFR location class 1 where open trench operations are not costly



Comparison of Representative Installation Costs for Smart Pipe vs Open Trench for 8" Diameter Pipe





Industry Recognition

- Best Business Plan for a New Technology Company Tulane University December 2004
- Top 5 Best Emerging Technologies Rice Alliance
 - August 2006
- New Technology Development Award (ACE) American Composites Institute November 2006
- Heartbeat of America Chosen by Senior Producer to showcase product on technology development television show – Date TBA



January 2007



A350 XWB Gets Green Light



Summary and Conclusions



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- Smart Pipe is a project specific engineered solution for many pipeline rehabilitation applications
- Installations are cost competitive in class 1 and 2 locations, but much more economical in class 3 and 4 compared to open trench
- Lifetime costs are significantly less than steel because corrosion protection and smart pigging are unnecessary



Current Operational Status

- Portable factory for 6" to 16" pipe is operable
- First Smart Pipe installation successfully completed in July 2006
- Next installation anticipated for Mid 2007
- Negotiations on installations with major gas/liquid energy companies are in progress
- Communications with DoT/OPS are in progress to pave the way for waiver applications



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